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SENATE BILL

No. 1485

Introduced by Senator Burton

February 19, 2004

An act to amend Sections 2620 and 2622 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to physical therapy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1485, as amended, Burton. Physical therapy.

Existing law, the Physical Therapy Practice Act, regulates the practice of physical therapy by the Physical Therapy Board of California in the Department of Consumer Affairs, and provides that a violation of the act is a crime. Existing law defines "physical therapy" and "physical therapist" for purposes of the act.

This bill would revise the definition of "physical therapy" to include the promotion and maintenance of *physical fitness, health, and wellness related to a person's bodily movement in persons of all ages to enhance the bodily movement related health and wellness of individuals through the use of physical therapy interventions*. The bill would also revise the definition of a physical therapist.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2620 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

1 2620. (a) Physical therapy means the art and science of
2 physical or corrective rehabilitation or of physical or corrective
3 treatment of any bodily or mental condition of any person by the
4 use of the physical, chemical, and other properties of heat, light,
5 water, electricity, sound, massage, and active, passive, and
6 resistive exercise, and shall include physical therapy evaluation,
7 treatment planning, instruction and consultative services;
8 ~~including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and~~
9 ~~wellness related to a person's bodily movement in persons of all~~
10 ~~ages.~~ *The practice of physical therapy includes the promotion and*
11 *maintenance of physical fitness to enhance the bodily movement*
12 *related health and wellness of individuals through the use of*
13 *physical therapy interventions.* The use of roentgen rays and
14 radioactive materials, for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, and
15 the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization,
16 are not authorized under the term “physical therapy” as used in
17 this chapter, and a license issued pursuant to this chapter does not
18 authorize the diagnosis of disease.

19 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or
20 prohibit other healing arts practitioners licensed or registered
21 under this division from practice within the scope of their license
22 or registration.

23 SEC. 2. Section 2622 of the Business and Professions Code
24 is amended to read:

25 2622. “Physical therapist” *and* “*physical therapist*
26 *technician*” means a person who is licensed pursuant to this
27 chapter to practice physical therapy. For purposes of this chapter,
28 the term “physical therapy” and “physiotherapy” shall be
29 deemed identical and interchangeable.

